[30th January 1923

A.—(*a*), (*c*), (*d*), (*e*), (*g*) & (*h*) His Excellency the Governor invited a number of gentlemen from North and South Malabar to discuss informally the problem of land tenures in Malabar. There was no question of compromise. The gentlemen invited were selected with a view to elicit opinion from the point of view of the jenmies, kanamdars and verumpattamdars. Mr. Kalyanakrishna Ayyar was allowed to be present.

(*b*) The names of the gentlemen invited are appended.*

(*f*) The Government have no information.

Grant of land to non-Hindu depressed classes.

712 *Q.*—Khan Sahib Munshi MUHAMMAD ABDUR RAHMAN SAHIB: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) what classes of persons are included in the term 'depressed classes';

(*b*) whether Doodekulas, Noorbash and other non-Hindus also come under the category of depressed classes; and

(*c*) what are the arrangements made to grant lands to the poor classes of people detailed above?

A.—(*a*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the press communiqué in G.O. No. 559, Revenue, dated 8th March 1920.

(*b*) The answer is in the negative.

(*c*) No special arrangements are made.

Depressed classes representation in the Chidambaram taluk board.

713 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur M. C. RAJA: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of nominated members in the Chidambaram taluk board, and how many of them are non-Brahmans;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that there is no representative of the depressed classes in the Chidambaram taluk board; and

(*c*) why no representative of the depressed classes has been nominated to the said board?

A.—Members of taluk boards are appointed by the President of the District Board. The hon. Member may address the President in the matter.

Depressed classes representation in the Chingleput taluk board.

714 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur M. C. RAJA: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of nominated members in the Chingleput taluk board, and how many of them are non-Brahmans; and

(*b*) whether there is no representative of the depressed classes on this board, and why?

A.—Members of taluk boards are appointed by the President of the District Board. The hon. Member may address the President in the matter.

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* Vide Appendix B on page 1369 infra.